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SUBJ: CSTD II: AGENDA ITEM 3(A) - PROPOSED UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. WORKING GROUP (WG) ON PROPOSED UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MET THURSDAY AM MARCH 12 AND WILL MEET AGAIN MARCH 13. INDIA HAS OFFICIALLY TABLED DRAFT RES WITH TEXT AS FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

BEARING IN MIND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3168 (XXVIII)
OF 17 DECEMBER 1973 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1826 (LV) OF 10
AUGUST 1973 ON THE ROLE OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONS AND THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN
ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION AMONG STATES,
CONVINCED THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS A KEY ELEMENT OF
THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES,
HAVING IN MIND THE POSITIVE RESULTS AND THE INCREASED LEVEL OF
ACTIVITIES ACHIEVED BY THE VARIOUS AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN THE APPLICATIONS OF SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE OF UNCTAD
RELATED TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY,
RECOGNIZING THAT IN THE CURRENT DECADE MANY DEVELOPMENTS HAVE
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OCCURRED AND NEW ISSUES HAVE ARISEN WITH RESPECT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN GENERAL, AS WELL AS THOSE HAVING PARTICULAR RELEVANCE FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, RECOGNIZING FURTHER THAT THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND PARTICULARLY

THE NEW NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAKE IT IMPERATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO EXPAND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON THE BASIS OF PRINCIPLES DESIGNED TO ADJUST THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONGST STATES IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND

TAKING NOTE OF THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (E/C.8/25) AND THE REPORT OF ACAST ON ITS ELEVENTH SESSION (E/C.8/24),

- 1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AT ITS SECOND SESSION (E/ ) ON THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT;
- 2. AGREES TO CONVENE A UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THAT IT SHOULD BE HELD IN TIME TO ENABLE THE UTILIZATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE FOLLOWING DECADE;
- 3. UNDERLINES THE NECESSITY THAT THE CONFERENCE BE CAREFULLY STRUCTURED AND CONCERNED WITH SELECTED, WELL-DEFINED SUBJECTS AND IN THIS RESPECT, EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF A THOROUGH PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE;

## 4. DECIDES THAT:

(A) THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD MEET AS A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE DURING 1975 AND THEREAFTER AS AND WHEN NECESSARY, OR
(B) A WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD MEET WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR (TO REPORT TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT) TO EXAMINE THE TOPICS AND AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT, THE UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS BODIES INCLUDING THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, AND TO REPORT TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;
5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SET UP A SMALL SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO WORK OUT THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE CONFERENCE. END TEXT

2. WITH INTRODUCTION THIS RES, POSITION OF LDC'S APPEARS TO BE SOLIDIFYING IN FAVOR OF CONVENING A WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN 1978 OR 1979. LDC REPS HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ACTION ORIENTED AND DIRECTED TOWARD FORMULATION OF WORLD SCIENCE POLICY FOR 1980S.

- 3. IN RESPONSE TO ABOVE RES, CANADA AND BELGIUM INFORMALLY INTRODUCED COUNTER PROPOSALS. CANADIAN PROPOSAL IS THAT INTENSIVE EXAMINATION BE UNDERTAKEN OF NEEDS OF LDC'S IN ORDER TO ASSESS NEED FOR CONFERENCE. BELGIAN PROPOSAL REQUESTS CSTD TO GIVE PRIORITY TO STUDY OF "NEW ACTIONS". (BELGIANS HAVE IN MIND THAT CSTD MIGHT WISH TO INITIATE AN EXAMINATION OF PROBLEMS OF ARID LANDS).
- 4. CANADIAN PROPOSAL SEEMS UNLIKELY, AT PRESENT, TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO LDC'S. BELGIAN PROPOSAL SEEN BY LDC'S AS EFFORT TO SIDETRACK CONSIDERATION OF DESIRABILITY OF CONFERENCE.
- 5. POSITIONS OF OTHER DELS AS FOLLOWS: UK SEEMS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO SCIENCE CONFERENCE; USSR SLIGHTLY MORE CONCILIATORY; JAPAN, ITALY, AUSTRALIA AND SEVERAL OTHER DC'S APPEAR DUBIOUS ABOUT CONFERENCE BUT UNWILLING AT PRESENT TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE IT. US REP (SEITZ) HAS STATED BRIEFLY AND IN LOW KEY MANNER OUR GRAVE RESERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO CONFERENCE AND OUR EQUALLY STRONG FEELING THAT, IF A CONFERENCE WERE HELD, IT MUST BE VERY CAREFULLY STRUCTURED.
- 6. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, INDIAN AND SECRETARIAT
  REPS HAVE DIRECTED STRONG APPEALS TO US DEL IN FAVOR
  CONFERENCE. INDIAN POSITION IS THAT CONFERENCE IS
  NECESSARY TO DRAMATIZE IMPORTANCE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND MOBILIZE EFFORTS AMONG LDC'S TO DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENT S&T PLANNING. INDIANS FORESEE AND INTENSIVE PREPARATORY EFFORT FOR CONVERENCE WHICH WILL

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